

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

SHERRELL C. TOWNS,)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.) CIVIL NO. 05-375-GPM
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ANTHONY RAMOS, et al.,)
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Defendants.)

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

MURPHY, Chief District Judge:

Before the Court is Plaintiff's motion seeking a court order that his incoming mail from the Clerk of Court be opened only in his presence (Doc. 6). However, the Seventh Circuit has reasoned that:

with minute and irrelevant exceptions all correspondence from a court to a litigant is a public document, which prison personnel could if they want inspect in the court's files. It is therefore not apparent to us why it should be regarded as privileged and how [the plaintiff] could be hurt if the defendant read these documents before or after [the plaintiff] does.

Martin v. Brewer, 830 F.2d 76, 78 (7th Cir. 1987). Therefore, Plaintiff's rights are not violated when official court mail is opened outside his presence, and the instant motion is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 09/08/05

s/ G. Patrick Murphy
G. PATRICK MURPHY
Chief United States District Judge